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NICOLE HORNSTEIN ACT CLEARS KEY COMMITTEE VOTE BILL REQUIRES CHILDREN TO WEAR HELMETS WHILE HORSEBACK

TALLAHASSEE – The Agriculture and Natural Resources Policy Committee in the Florida House approved today the Nicole Hornstein Act (House Bill 169).

“This bill requires children 16 and under to wear a helmet while riding horseback on public roads and during lessons,” said Representative Joseph Abruzzo (D-Wellington.) “This bill is dedicated to Nicole Hornstein, a 13-year-old child in my district who died in 2006 after being thrown from a horse without wearing a helmet.”

Nicole Hornstein’s family attended the committee meeting. Gary Hornstein, Nicole’s father, testified before the committee and urged members to support the bill. “This bill is a step forward in protecting children and grandchildren who have a passion for riding horses. We look forward to seeing this bill become law,” said Gary Hornstein.

“This bill is an important bill that will ultimately save the lives of many children who are passionate about horseback riding, and it is an honor to sponsor this piece of legislation,” said Abruzzo.

Senator Dave Aronberg (D-Greenacres) is sponsoring the bill in the Florida Senate.

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